

# CITY NEWS DESK

## Police Volunteers Needed

**T**he Redmond Police Department is recruiting individuals who would like to become part of a highly trained volunteer team. Redmond Police volunteers are matched to priority assignments that provide community awareness through proactive crime prevention and community outreach programs.

Volunteers are needed to assist in filling critical gaps in program support and contribute to positive communications between the Redmond community and law enforcement. Volunteer priority assignment areas include:

(1) initiating community outreach in two new crime prevention assignments and (2) providing customer service at the Redmond Town Center Police & Fire Community Outreach storefront substation.

The assignments listed above require a volunteer to be available between 10 am and 4 pm, and during the Monday through Friday work week, for a minimum of one 4-hour shift at least two times a month.

If you are over 18 years of age, can make a minimum of one year commitment and want to learn more about volunteer opportunities and the Redmond Police application process, please contact Nan Dyer, Redmond Police Volunteer Program Coordinator, 425-556-2632 or [ndyer@redmond.gov](mailto:ndyer@redmond.gov)

## Proclamations

**I**n recognition of licensed radio operators who volunteer to help in emergencies, Mayor Rosemarie Ives proclaimed June 19-25, 2006

Amateur Radio Week. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a volunteer group of licensed amateur radio operators who have partnered with the City of Redmond to provide back-up communication in the event of a disaster.

Mayor Ives also proclaimed June 20, 2006 Redmond Arts Day recognizing the contribution the arts make to the Redmond community in attracting tourism and supporting quality of life. In a related acknowledgement, Mayor Ives read a proclamation from Christine Gregoire declaring May 14-20 2006 Arts Education Week in Washington state and recognized the contributions of student artists Morgan Fox and Eric Stinson. Artist Una

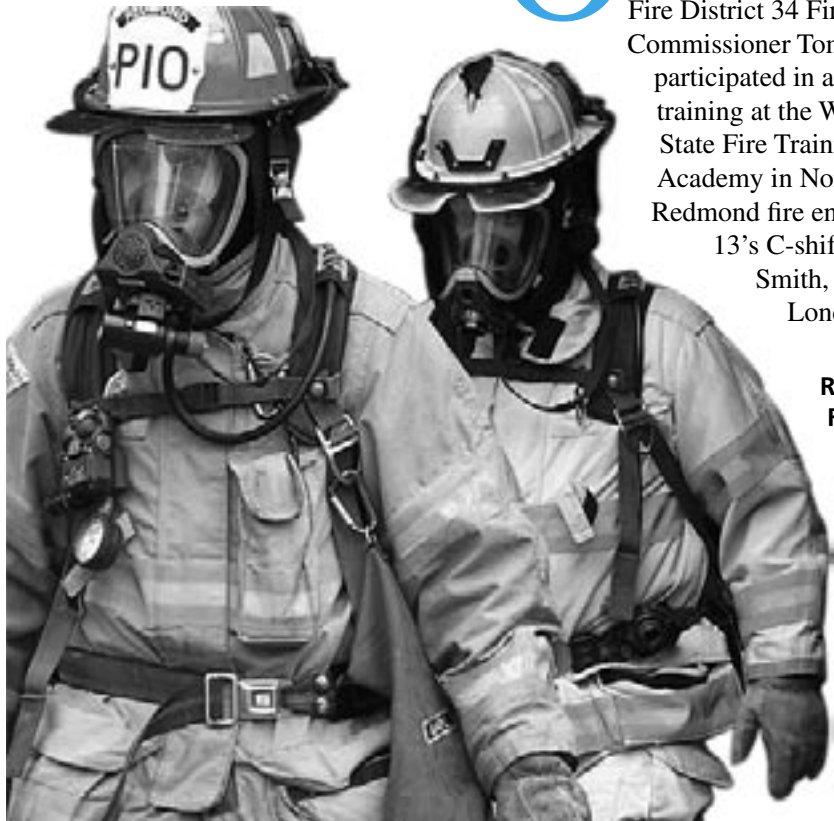
McAlinden was also recognized for her work in area schools.

Additionally, Mayor Ives commended Redmond skier Scott Macartney for a job well done at the 2006 Olympic Games, acknowledging both his character and athletic skill, and proclaimed Saturday July 8, 2006 Scott McCartney Day. July was named National Parks and Recreation month. Redmond also received a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association.

## Fire Safety Training

**O**n Monday June 5, Councilmember Kim Allen and King County Fire District 34 Fire Commissioner Tom Johnston participated in a live fire training at the Washington State Fire Training Academy in North Bend. Redmond fire engine 13's C-shift (Lt. JD Smith, Bryan Loney and

**Redmond  
Firefighters  
in training**



Paul Smith) hosted Councilmember Allen and Commissioner Johnson during the crew's required annual live fire drill. It was a great learning opportunity for all involved.

## New Hiking Trail

**O**n June 15, City of Redmond welcomed the opening of the Evans Creek Trail. Located at the intersection of Union Hill Road and



NE 196th Street where the trail meets Union Hill Road, this beautiful paved trail extends for one mile from Union Hill Road north to NE 95th Street with a connection to the City's new Perrigo Community Park. It passes through a rural area, where hikers and bicyclists can observe numerous bird and animal species. This one-mile trail is significant because it is a segment of the Bear & Evans Creek Trail & Greenway, a 9-mile trail project which the City has been developing for several years. It will eventually connect to other Redmond and King County trails, creating large trail loops around the City.

**T**his October, elementary school kids from Redmond will fill the streets and head to school on foot or bike to participate in International Walk to School, an event that encourages kids to walk to school. For the first time since International Walk to School came to the USA in 1997, the event will no longer be celebrated only on the first Wednesday in October, but will be recognized all month long.

International Walk to School was originally designed to help adults teach kids to be responsible pedestrians and traffic-savvy. But, over the years, it has become so much more. It now offers ways to establish safer pedestrian and bicycle facilities around our schools and in our neighborhoods.

This program is also a reminder for people to leave their cars at home and walk with their kids to school. The Center for Disease Control estimates that almost 25% of the cars on the road in the morning are driven by parents taking kids to school. People who decide to walk instead of drive are part of the solution to reduce traffic congestion on our neighborhood streets and around our schools. Walking to and from school also



improves the health and well-being of our children and with less cars on the street enables us to work towards a cleaner environment.

Another benefit of this program is that it helps provide necessary connections between residents, school officials and City government for working together to address areas in the community needing traffic safety improvements. A summary of walk events around the world indicates that nearly half the participating schools reported post-event changes in policy, engineering or police enforcement which improved safety for walkers and bicyclists.

Just last year, Federal legislation established the national Safe Routes to Schools program, making \$612 million available between 2005 and 2009 to increase the number of children walking and biking safely to school. The City of Redmond is committed to pedestrian and bicycle-supportive environments around our schools and throughout the community. This year, every elementary school in Redmond will participate in International Walk to School. See how you can get involved. Contact Susan Byszeski, Traffic Safety Educator for the City of Redmond, 425-556-2882 or sbyszeski@redmond.gov.